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OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

President—Rev. H. I Parker, D. D.

Vice-Presidents—Hon. H. E. McCune, B. C. Wright, Esq.

Secretary—Wm. B. Thompson.

Treasurer—John R. Mason.

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Auditor—P. D. Code.

Directors, 1886—Rev. Charles Button, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Rev. M. D. Gage, Rev. Wm. T. Fleenor, Rev. J. N. Burroughs, E. R. Stockwell, J. L. Lyon.

Directors, 1885—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D., Rev. J. S. Jesse, Rev. S. S. Fisk, Rev. D. T. Van Doren, T. K. Hook, J. L. Merguire, G. A. Hull, J. P. Cogswell.

Directors, 1884—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. H. I. Parker, D. D., P. D. Code, W. R. Strong, J. R. Mason.

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President, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. Charles Button; Executive Committee, Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Deacon J. H. Roe.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

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President, Rev. S. B. Morse; Vice-President, Rev. G. S. Abbott; Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell; Treasurer, H. Garthwaite; Executive Committee, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, H. Garthwaite, G. A. Hull, J. R. Bradway.

RULES RESPECTING APPROPRIATIONS.

RULE I. Each Church receiving aid from the Convention must have a pastor, or the regular service of some minister, whose salary or compensation it holds itself responsible for, and promptly pays, according to the terms of agreement.

RULE II. Each Church seeking aid must make a written request to the Executive Committee of the Board, containing definite information on the following points: The amount of aid desired; the number in the Church, male and female; number of congregation; the amount of property in the Church and in the Congregation; the name of the pastor or minister, and amount of his salary or compensation, with the conditions and manner of its being raised and paid; and other things essential to a full and fair view of the condition and prospects of the Church.

RULE III. Essential to a continuance of aid is a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board, touching the following points: The general state of religious interest; the character of attendance on public worship and on the prayer meetings; the number of additions to the Church; the changes in the congregation. the amount of benevolent contributions; what missionary work has been done outside of the regular Sabbath congregations; and other things essential to a fair and full view of the condition of the Church.

RULE IV. No appropriation will be made to a Church for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary, or any other debts contracted previous to the application of said Church for aid from the Convention.

RULE V. Every Church receiving aid must show, as a condition of the same being continued, that it contributes, as it is able, to the treasury of the Convention.

RULE VI. Churches receiving aid are requested to adopt the envelope system of weekly collections for raising money to meet the expenses of worship.

All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from Churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board, must be made to Mr. J. R. Mason, Treasurer, Oakland, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters should be addressed to Mr. W. B. Thompson, Secretary, 119½ Thirteenth street, San Francisco; those pertaining to Statistics, to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Statistical Secretary, 1020 Jackson street, San Francisco.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. Delegates annually chosen by regular Baptist Churches, Associations, and Auxiliary Societies, in the State of California, shall constitute this organiaation, to be known as the *General Baptist Convention of California.*

ART. II. The object of this Convention shall be, first, to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment of Baptist Churches in California; second, to develop and foster Sunday School work; third, to enlist Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools alike in Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Publication Society work; fourth, to encourage the common educational interests of the Baptist denomination in the State; fifth, to promote denominational acquaintance, fellowship, and growth.

ART. III. This Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday evening after the first Sunday in May, or at such other time as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon the written request of not less than ten members of the Board, to alter the time or place of the annual meeting.

ART. IV. Any contributing Baptist Church to the treasury of this Convention may send three delegates; having one hundred members or over, four delegates; having two hundred members or over, five delegates. These numbers, in each instance, shall include the pastor or acting pastor. No Church shall exceed this last number.

ART. V. Any person contributing twenty-five ($25) dollars to the treasury of this Convention shall be a life member, with full freedom to all its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted; and any person contributing one hundred ($100) dollars shall be an Honorary Life Director of the Board of Managers, with full freedom to its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted.

ART. VI. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall likewise be twenty-seven Directors, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be elected annually. These officers and Directors shall constitute the Board of Managers, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* the Chairman, and the Recording Secretary the Clerk. All elections shall be by ballot. At the first election of Directors they shall be chosen in classes, the term of the first to expire at the term of the annual meeting—May, 1882; the second, May, 1883; the third, May, 1884. One-third of the Directors shall be laymen. Nine of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies, to hold office until the next annual election.

ART. VII. The Board shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from its number an Executive Committee of seven, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries, and appropriate all money. One of its number shall represent the northern and one the southern part of the State. Five shall be elected with reference to facility for business. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate of which, in writing, shall be presented to the annual meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ART. VIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State, of three members each, upon Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday School, and Educational Work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work to the annual meeting.

ART. IX. Local Baptist Associations of the State are urged to become auxiliaries to the General Convention, each by the appointment of a Missionary Committee to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Convention in State work. Associations so co-operating may appoint three delegates to the Convention. Recommendation by these Associations of any man to represent their field shall be duly considered in the annual election of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. Any Baptist organization in California, honored by the Convention in their religious and educational work, may hold organic relation to it by the appointment of one delegate for every such organization, and provision shall be made for the consideration of the claims of such organizations at the annual meeting.

ART. XI. This Convention will co-operate with all our National Baptist Societies.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board, and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

BY-LAWS.

I. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:

First—On Important Subjects of the Report.
Second—On the Nomination of Directors.
Third—On Place and Appointment for Next Session.
Fourth—On Obituaries.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention: if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question, "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience, and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decisions of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and of Associations, an itemized account of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special, but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports of not more than fifteen minutes in length as a rule, of the Special Committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions, being of immediate practical relations to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

XV. These Committees on Sunday School, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions, are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist Church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention; provided, that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday School, Associational, and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

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FIRST DAY.

OAKLAND, May 9, 1883.

The Convention assembled this day at 7:30 P. M. with the First Baptist Church of this city, the President, Rev. H. I. Parker, of Santa Ana, presiding. After an organ voluntary, the Chairman addressed the Convention with a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks.

The opening hymn of the Convention was then announced:

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
  Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
  Ancient of days.

Rev. P. W. Dorsey, of Los Angeles, then invoked God's blessing in an earnest prayer.

The President appointed Committees as follows:

On Enrollment—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. M. D. Gage, J. L. Lyon.

On Arrangements—Rev. E. H. Gray, Rev. G. S. Abbott, W. R. Strong.

On Nominations—Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. J. S. Jesse, E. R. Stockwell.

Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, preached the Convention sermon upon the text, Luke, 3d chapter, 16th verse: "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Frost, of Sacramento. The annual collection for State work was taken, realizing $18.55.

The Committee on Enrollment, by its Chairman, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, reported twenty churches present, with eight applications for membership. These were subsequently added to the roll, making the total number twenty-eight, as follows:

First, San Francisco—Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, B. W. Owens, J. G. Levensaler, Capt. G. A. Hull, and Wm. B. Thompson.

Fifth, San Francisco—Rev. D. T. Van Doren, P. D. Code and F. Foster.

First, Oakland—Rev. E. H. Gray, Rev. G. S. Abbott, J. H. Latimer, J. R. Bradway and A. H. Pratt.

Trinity, Oakland—C. L. Lombard, A. L. Thompson and Mrs. C. Thompson.

First, East Oakland—Rev. S. B. Morse, J. R. Mason, A. K. Warner and Jos. Plaw.

First, Sacramento—Rev. A. J. Frost, A. Grow, Mrs. E. H. Van Aimee.

Calvary, Sacramento—Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, W. R. Strong, Mrs. W. R. Strong, Geo. O. Hayford, Mrs. M. E. Lowell.

First, Stockton—Rev. W. T. Fleenor, E. R. Stockwell, T. K. Hook, A. Leitch, B. P. Baird.

First, Los Angeles—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, W. H. Latourette and Miss A. C. Crane.

First, Red Bluff—Rev. C. C. Bateman, C. H. Walcott and J. K. Van Zant.

Santa Clara—Rev. C. L. Fisher, J. F. Sparrow, O. Crittenden.

Santa Ana—Rev. H. I. Parker.

Wheatland—Rev. J. S. Jesse.

Chinese, San Francisco—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Lee Kwok Teen, Liu Leen Teem.

Chinese Missionary Society—H. Garthwaite.

Modesto—Rev. M. D. Gage.

First, Sonora—H. Cramer.

Penryn—Rev. J. S. Jesse.

Ceres—Rev. M. D. Gage.

Chico—Rev. J. N. Burroughs.

NEW CHURCHES.

Vacaville—Rev. J. B. Saxton.

Riverside—Rev. Charles Button, Mrs. N. P. Button.

Santa Cruz—Rev. W. B. Winn, L. Pollard and Rev. T. J. Weil.

First Dixon—Rev. J. H. Garnett, Mrs. Julia Garnett, Hon. H. E. McCune and G. M. Coulter.

St. Helena—Acting Pastor Rev. E. Crowell, J. Norton, Miss Emily Pratt.

Zion, San Francisco—Rev. J. S. Bromley, G. B. Rieman and J. C. Rogerson.

Salinas—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Ira Tucker.

Woodland—Rev. J. E. Cohenour and Rev. J. E. Barnes.

The Committee on Arrangements, by its Chairman, Rev. E. H. Gray, submitted the following report, as the order of business for to-morrow's session, which, on motion, was adopted:

9 to 9.30 A. M.—Devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. E. Barnes.

9.30 to 10.30—Report of Executive Committee.

10.30 to 11.30—Report of Committee on State Mission Work.

11.30 to 12.30—Report of Rev. J. C. Baker, Supt. of Missions, and addresses upon the subject of missions, by Rev. J. B. Hartwell and others.

12.30 to 1 P. M.—Intermission.

1 to 2 P. M.—Meeting of Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

2 to 3 —Report on Sabbath Schools, by Capt. G. A. Hull.

3 to 4—Report and addresses on Publication Society.

4 to 5.15—Reports on Education and "Herald of Truth."

5.15 to 7.30—Intermission.

7.30 to 8.15—Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

8.15 to 9—Address by Rev. C. F. Tolman, of Chicago.

9 to 9.45—Address by Miss Adele M. Fielde, on missionary work in China.

The Committee on Nominations, through its Chairman, Rev. S. B. Morse, reported the following as nominees for officers of the Convention for the coming year:

For President—Rev. H. I. Parker, D. D.

For Vice Presidents—Hon. H. E. McCune, B. C. Wright.

For Recording Secretary—Wm. B. Thompson.

For Statistical Secretary—Rev. J. B. Hartwell.

For Treasurer—John R. Mason.

For Auditor—P. D. Code.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees, upon which they were declared elected as the officers of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion, the President requested all visiting brethren to hand their names to the Secretary.

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Frost.

Hymn—"Nearer My God to Thee."

Benediction was then pronounced by the President, and the Convention adjourned to meet on the following morning at half-past nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 10.

The Convention was called to order at half-past 9 o'clock, by the President, Rev. H. I. Parker.

Prayer by Rev. M. D. Gage.

Hymn—"Blest be the tie that binds."

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, through its Chairman, Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, presented the annual report, which after being read was on motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Executive Committee, having completed the labors of the second year of our conventional life, beg leave, through its chairman, to lay before you the record of its transactions in the execution of the trust committed to it.

We desire devoutly to express our gratitude to God for the measure of prosperity that has attended our efforts during the past year, and at the same time we desire to suggest such measures for the future as the experience of the past commends to our judgments. The progress we have made since last we assembled for the purpose of deliberation and laying plans for the promotion of the cause of Christ within the bounds of our beloved State, is highly satisfactory, considering the means at our disposal; and from the advanced standpoint we now occupy we look forward to the year before us, hopeful that its labors, vigorously prosecuted, and with faith in the same divine power that has blessed us, will be still more fruitful of good.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

During the year your Committee has held fourteen meetings, and while they have not been as largely attended by the members as we should have wished, yet all our proceedings have been characterized by the utmost harmony. All business that has come before us has been carefully considered, and it has been our aim so to act that the welfare of the work committed to us should be in the highest degree promoted. We have sought to be judicious almoners of the bounty of the churches, and to incur no obligations not warranted by the condition of the treasury. Duty has irrevocably compelled us to reject several applications for aid, as worthy of a favorable response as those we have approved, and to modify the demands of others; but this has been done because we were admonished by the meagerness of our resources that prudence dictated such a course.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE A. B. H. M. S.

The plan of co-operation between the Convention and the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, which has hitherto been attended with such favorable results, has been continued during the past year. In approving applications for aid we have become responsible to that society for one-third of the amount appropriated, the whole amount being paid out of its treasury; and recently notification has been received from its secretary, Dr. Moorhouse, that on account of the large deficit with which it will close this fiscal year, this responsibility must be fully and promptly met. The appointment of missionaries has been practically in our own hands, as the New York Society rejects no applications and modifies no appropriations made by us so long as we are faithful to our pledge to reimburse it for one-third of its expenditures within the State made on our recommendation. We suggest, if possible, that the same plan of co-operation be continued during the coming year.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

Very soon after the adjournment of the Convention last year, your Committee was officially notified of the appointment, by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, of Rev. J. C. Baker, of Oregon, to be Superintendent of Missions for the Pacific Coast at a salary of $1,500 a year, one-third of which was was to be divided between your Convention and the Convention of the North Pacific Coast. After careful deliberation this appointment was endorsed by your Committee in the belief that the labors of Bro. Baker would result in a quickening of the missionary spirit throughout the State, and in increased contributions to the treasury of the Convention. That we were not mistaken will be seen further on in our report.

THE POLICY PURSUED.

Your Committee has pursued the same policy in the disbursements of funds placed at its disposal during the past year that guided its action the year before. The wisdom of that policy is a proper subject for your consideration. The word "policy," however, suggests something more than the mere appropriation of money. It involves the exercise of all the functions of the Executive Committee in their widest scope, and certainly demands judgment, prudence, and an adaptation to circumstances in the employment of means. It may be briefly outlined as follows:

1. To grant aid only at such points, and to such extent, as is absolutely necessary.

2. In determining whether aid is necessary, to consider not only the ability of the particular church asking for aid, but also to inquire whether there are not contiguous fields destitute of preaching, which, if faithfully cultivated, can be made to contribute to the pastor's support, and thus wholly or partially relieve the Convention.

3. To aid in *establishing* our cause at points which are already or give promise of becoming centers of population, wealth, and influence.

4. To aid in *maintaining* our work at points where we have already gained a foothold, but where circumstances make temporary aid necessary.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Who shall attempt to answer this question? Ultimate results lie beyond the sphere of human action. If the powers at our command be wisely adjusted, and applied with conscientious fidelity to the great end in view, we may trust God for results. But it falls to us to give a brief resumé of that service whose true value will only be known in that day when the problems of human life will all be solved. The following, then, is a list of missionaries approved by us, with their fields of labor, the amount appropriated in each case, and a partial summary of the work done:

On July 3d your Committee approved the application of Mrs. Bradway for $350, to assist her in carrying on her work among the Chinese of Oakland. We take pleasure in calling the attention of the Board to this work, and to the success which has attended it during the past year. We considered no money better spent than that which we have appropriated to this school. In July last the average attendance was 25; since that time it has increased to over 30. Two of the scholars have been hopefully converted, and are awaiting baptism.

Early in the year we received an addition to the working force, in the appointment of our Brother Rev. W. H. Latourette to be missionary of the Los Angeles Association, at a salary of $900, $300 of which to be raised on the field. We cannot speak too highly of the work of our brother. He has labored with the weak churches, and has been the means of the infusion of new life into them. Baptisms have been frequent, and the attendance on the services of the churches where he has steadily ministered have largely increased; many have been added also to their churches by letters and experience.

Aid has also been granted to Rev. P. W. Dorsey, of Los Angeles, to the amount of $400. We consider this to be one of the most important fields in the State that receives assistance from the treasury of the Convention. During the past year it has made, under the able ministrations of its pastor, large and healthy progress. The sum of $12,500 has been subscribed toward building a new house of worship. Large additions have been made to the membership, and the outlook is in every way encouraging. We can say with truth that never has the Baptist cause in Los Angeles been so flourishing as at present.

Rev. J. Fulton took charge of the church at San Bernardino last fall, and early in December your Committee honored his application for $350 aid. We extend to Bro. Fulton a cordial welcome to our State. Since he began his ministrations at San Bernardino the congregations have increased and God's spirit has been poured out, and there have been additions by letter, experience and baptism. We believe him to be the right man in the right place.

Rev. J. S. Jesse, of Wheatland, is still an honored missionary of our Convention. The quarterly reports which have come from this field are very en-

couraging. God's spirit has been poured out here also, and 9 have been baptized into the fellowship of the church; and others have been added by letter and experience. This field has been aided to the amount of $300.

The application of Rev. J. N. Burroughs, of Chico, for $400, has also been approved. We regret that we are not able to report that the dissensions of the Baptists in this field are healed. The Superintendent of Missions has been requested by your Committee to visit this field, and he has done so twice during the year, and will give you any further information you may wish. We cannot speak of the work that has been done by Bro. Burroughs, because he has neglected to send his quarterly reports to the Committee, any further than to announce the purchase of a house of worship for $1,000, which has been raised and paid, and the application for $500 out of the Church Edifice Fund in order to put it in good condition. This application was approved by your Committee, but at its last meeting it was decided to defer sending it on to New York, for reasons which the Secretary will explain if desired.

Aid has also been granted to the amount of $300 to Rev. M. D. Gage, of Modesto and Ceres. Efficient service has been rendered by our brother in these fields, service which has been attended by a large measure of spiritual blessing. At Ceres a house of worship has been built during the past year, at a cost of $6,300, which was dedicated, we believe free from debt, in April.

At Fresno, which we regard as one of our most important points, the young church which was organized a little over a year ago, seems to be in a most flourishing condition. In December last Rev. T. T. Parker began his work there, and since then the church has made steady progress. We understand that the visits of Major Penn, the evangelist, were attended with good results, and that many were added to the church both by baptism and by letter. The sum of $300 has been appropriated by your Committee to this field.

We have received another addition to our missionary force in the person of Rev. B. F. Rattray, who comes to us from Minnesota, and who has accepted the pastorate of the Alameda church. We are glad to say that this interest, which seemed to your Committee to be in an almost hopeless state, has taken new life, and the labors of Bro. Rattray have already resulted in increased congregations, and in additions both by baptism and by letter. Your Executive Committee has honored Bro. Rattray's application for $400, and we bespeak for him the warm consideration and prayers of the Baptists of California.

Other appropriations have been made as follows by your Committee: Rev. T. J. Weil, late of Santa Cruz, $35; Rev. J. E. Cohenour, of Woodland, $400; Rev. J. T. Huff, of Compton and Hopewell, $250; Rev. J. E. Barnes, as Missionary of Northern California, $1,100; Rev. C. C. Bateman, $250; and Rev. J. E. Baker, as Superintendent of Missions, $750; making a total of $6,500 appropriated by us during the year. We are unable to give a fuller report of the work done by your missionaries, for the reason that with the exceptions of Brethren Jesse, Fulton and Latourette they have failed to comply with the rule respecting appropriations, which reads as follows:

"RULE III. Essential to a continuance of aid is a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board, touching the following points: The general state of religious interest; the character of attendance on public worship and on the prayer meetings; the number of additions to the Church; the changes in the congregration; the amount of benevolent contributions; what missionary work has been done outside of the regular Sabath congregations; and other things essential to a fair and full view of the condition of the Church."

Your committee deeply deplore this negligence, as it has kept them officially in almost entire ignorance as to the condition of the fields aided, and as it is necessary, in order to act wisely and judiciously, that these quarterly reports should be in the hands of the Secretary for reference, we recommended that in future they be required in every case where aid is granted, and that the rule referred to be strictly observed.

With the experience of the past to inspire our hopes and strengthen our faith, we believe that it is not too much to expect that the churches now receiving aid will soon become self-supporting; that, by the indwelling of the Spirit, they will become radiating centers, from which light and salvation will stream forth, and that in turn they will become helpful to other feeble churches needing aid, by their sympathies, prayers, and above all, by the contribution of money to the treasury of the Convention. To this end your Committee would urge that the missionary pastors keep the idea of self-support constantly before their people as one that is to be realized at the earliest possible moment.

THE WORK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

Since the appointment of Rev. J. C. Baker as Superintendent of Missions, he has made two extended tours through the State, visiting the various missionary fields, examining into their condition, ascertaining their needs and the progress already made and their future prospects. He has held missionary conferences and institutes at important points, presented the work being done, and its claims upon the sympathy and benevolence of the denomination in many of our leading pulpits; and the result, we believe, has been a deepening of interest on the part of many who were hitherto in ignorance of the work of the Convention, and, we trust it will be seen, in increased contributions to its treasury. We would suggest that our Superintendent be given a place during the session devoted to the discussion of the Home Mission report, that he may give a fuller account of his work, and lay before us his future plans. At a meeting of the Committee in February, Bro. Baker laid before us certain suggestions in regard to work—first, in the State at large, and second, in the city of San Francisco. The first had reference to the dividing of the State into three districts—viz., the Northern, Southern, and Central—and to placing each under the charge of a competent missionary, whose duty should be the development of new fields, the infusion of new life into churches practically dead, and to care for the same until they should be in a condition to receive the ministrations of a settled pastor, and to attend to the systematic

collection of funds. The need of such missionaries was based on the idea that the territorial extent of the State was so great that it was beyond the power of your Executive Committee to supervise the work efficiently. The suggestion in regard to San Francisco was that your Committee should authorize the churches in that city to organize a Board of City Mission to begin aggressive work, providing one-third of the cost of such work be raised by that board, the New York Society agreeing to furnish the other two-thirds. The Executive Committee deemed these suggestions so important that a meeting of the General Board was called to consider them. After much discussion it was decided to appoint Rev. J. E. Barnes to be missionary of the Northern district at a salary of $1,100, and to instruct the Superintendent of Missions to consult Rev. W. H. Lateourette, of the Los Angeles Association, as to the advisability of extending his labors so as to include Southern California. It was also decided to recommend the organization of a Board of City Missions for San Francisco, and the appointment of a missionary whenever the funds of said Board warranted it. The Board was subsequently organized, consisting of representatives from Zion, Fifth, and the First Baptist Churches, and $500 were pledged to inaugurate the work.

Your Committee has complied with the requirements of the Constitution by the appointment of five special committees, as follows: On Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday Schools, and Educational Work, which will make their reports to the Convention at the proper time.

At a meeting of the General Board in connection with the last anniversary, a committee was appointed to attend to the selling of the church property at San Juan. This was done, and the building was disposed of for the sum of $500, one hundred of which was cash, and it is now in the hands of your Treasurer, to be disposed of as you may advise. Your Committee would recommend that the property of the church at San Pablo, which church has ceased to exist, be disposed of in the same way, and that a special committee be appointed to attend to the same.

THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOUR.

Had we the time we would be glad to say something that would lead you to realize more fully the vastness of the field with which our Convention has to do, its marvelous growth, its immense resources and its wondrous capabilities. Within the last ten years our population has increased from 500,000 to nearly a million. People are coming in throngs to our State to settle. Especially is this true of Southern California. Is not every soul that comes an added responsibility to this Convention? And when we reflect on the forces that are arrayed against the cause of Christ, forces which are dragging down our fellowmen to eternal ruin, does not this responsibility grow very heavy? And then, your Committee would remind you, that within the borders of our State both the Home and Foreign fields meet. We have 120,000 Chinese in our midst, and your Committee deeply regret that so little is being done by the Convention for their evangelization. We would call your attention to the Chinese Missionary Society which was organized in connection with

the Convention two years ago at Dixon, and which gave us a name of which we ought to be proud, viz., The Chinese Convention. We would suggest that an important place in the deliberations of this Convention be given to the discussion of the ways and means of awakening interest in the heathen who are at our very door and for whose conversion God will hold the Baptists of California responsible according to the measure of their opportunity.

OUR AIM.

Our aim has been, and is, the thorough evangelization of the whole people, to carry the gospel by a living ministry, and to offer salvation to every inhabitant of this State to whom these gracious proffers are not already made; to give to our feeble churches permanency, and to provide for them a ministry that, from year to year, shall repeat this work until it shall be no longer needed; to establish in the denomination throughout the State a thoroughly aggressive policy that at every step of its practical unfolding shall provide the means for further development and illustrate this cardinal truth, that Christianity is self-sustaining and self-propagating. To realize this aim there should be in all our churches broader views of obligation and duty, a fuller appreciation of the apostle's words: "Ye are not your own; ye are Christ's." If this principle had a deeper lodgment in all our hearts as a great moulding power, shaping our convictions of duty, and, as a grand force, impelling us to bring into practical life those convictions, our offerings for Christ's cause in the State would be multiplied many fold. In order to prosecute the work the ensuing year, and to meet the urgent wants of the various fields, there will be needed by your Committee no less than $3,000, which, on the plan of co-operation now in force, will give us $9,000 to expend; a sum which can be provided if a proper spirit of consecration pervades our churches and suitable efforts are made.

Thus we have laid before you our work for the year past, and our suggestions for the year to come. We have tried to do our duty. We are pained that we have not accomplished more. God grant that our successors in each succeeding year may have greater and better things to report. May we all comprehend the magnitude of the work and the momentousness of the day in which we live. There is good reason for encouragement. The field is bright with hope, and God's grace is sufficient for every care and for every burden. With such a field, and with such grace, we ought to be strong to live and strong to endure. With our eyes on the whitening fields, and our hearts trusting in Israel's God, let us press forward, doing with our might what our hands find to do. Let us not forget that God is on the throne, and if we labor together with Him and for Him, He will command results and give the recompense.

WM. M. KINCAID, Chairman.

The following committees were appointed by the Chairman:

On Important Subjects in the Report—Revs. J. Q. A. Henry, D. T. Van Doren, J. S. Bromley, J. H. Garnett, Capt. G. A. Hull, Deacon W. R. Strong.

On Nomination of Directors for 1886—Revs. Wm. M. Kincaid, J. E. Barnes, W. H. Latourette.

On Place and Appointments for Next Year—Revs. A. J. Frost, Chas. Button, P. W. Dorsey, J. R. Bradway.

On Obituaries—Revs. M. D. Gage, J. B. Saxton, Hon. H. E. McCune.

On New Churches—Revs. M. D. Gage, A. J. Frost, J. R. Mason.

The Committee on State Mission Work, by its chairman, Rev. A. J. Frost, submitted its report, which was on motion adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION WORK.

Dear Brethren:

Your Committee, appointed last year, beg leave to submit the following report on State Missions: Our report will be very long, and cover a vast field for contemplation; in other words, the report of your Committee is about seven hundred miles long and two hundred miles wide, and covers about 189,000 square miles. It will reach from Red Bluff on the north, with Mount Shasta in full view, to Riverside on the south, with its everglades of semi-tropical vegetation and its fragrant atmosphere as if from the land of "Araby the blest."

We have ten State Missionaries, or Missionary Pastors, under the patronage of the Home Mission Society in New York, and also receiving aid from all the contributing Baptist churches of California. Our State work is, to the Baptists of California, one of great importance, and the signal blessing of God in all parts of our field the past year calls for the profoundest gratitude.

Beginning, then, with Red Bluff on the North, with a population of 3,000, beautifully located, under the shadow of the Sierras, and on the line of the California and Oregon Railroad, which is but an extension of the Northern Pacific Railroad, we have a most flourishing Baptist Church under the care of Rev. C. C. Bateman. The church own a neat and commodious house of worship, free of debt, and located in a most desirable part of the town. The church has only forty-nine members, but their zeal for the Master, together with the earnest labors of a judicious pastor, have drawn a congregation of

two hundred or more to hear the word of God. The Sabbath School numbers about seventy. The church also own a parsonage nearly free of debt. The pastor receives a stipend of $420 on the field and $200 from the Home Mission Society. This church has received twenty-one accessions the past year, and is in fair way to be a self-supporting Baptist Church one year hence. It is unquestionably the leading church in Red Bluff to-day in zeal and Christian enterprise.

Our Baptist cause in Chico reports decided progress the past year. In this town of 5,000 people, situated in the richest part of Northern California, we have a church that does not believe in removing "the ancient land marks," but steadily holds on its way, contending "earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints." This church, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. N. Burroughs, has a membership of forty-six, a Sunday School of seventy-five, and a congregation of one hundred. It has a church edifice, free of debt, well located in a town rapidly increasing in population. The pastor, Bro. Burroughs, has a salary of $600 on the field, and $400 from the Home Mission Society. This church has passed through severe trials, the past two years, but they have evidently the blessing of the Lord upon them, and will reach in a year or two, with their present outlook, a position of self-maintenance and independence.

At Wheatland we have a flourishing little Baptist Church of forty-three members, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. S. Jesse. The town is small, with a population of only seven hundred. The congregation averages about one hundred, or one-seventh of the entire population. The pastor has a very small salary of only $250 on the field and $150 from the Home Mission Society. The church have no house of worship, but they have nearly $1,500 raised, which, together with $500 from the Church Edifice Fund, will soon give them a convenient chapel for church services. This church has had fourteen accessions the past year, and is far in advance of what it has been in every hopeful feature. The pastor preaches alternately in Wheatland and Penryn, where we have a feeble organization of twenty-one members. The town has a population of only three hundred, and yet a congregation of seventy-five, and a Sunday School of sixty, gather to hear the word of God. The salary on this field is only $150, together with $150 from the Home Mission Society.

Our cause in Woodland is in a most flourishing condition; indeed, this is one of the best mission churches in the State. The Baptist host have gone from the rear to the very front ranks of all denominations in Woodland within the short space of one year. This church, under the efficient charge of Rev. J. E. Cohenour, is situated in the centre of a most beautiful town of four thousand inhabitants. A very attractive and convenient house of worship has been built and paid for at a cost of $4,000. The church numbers at the present time eighty-three, with thirty-nine accessions the past year. It has a Sunday School of seventy-five and a congregation of two hundred, the largest in the town. The pastor receives a salary of $800 on the field and $400 from the Home Mission Society. This will soon be a strong, self-supporting

church, an honor to the denomination and a power for good in all coming time. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Cohenour, seems providentially called to this field, and has a peculiar fitness for this important position.

Alameda, with a population of six thousand, has a Baptist Church under the fostering care of the General Convention of California and the Home Mission Society. It numbers only twenty-six at the present time; it has a congregation of sixty and a Sunday School of seventy, a convenient chapel and an inconvenient debt of $1,500; but a brighter day for this church seems close at hand. They have recently called a pastor, Rev. B. F. Rattray, under whose consecrated labors the Lord is leading his people, we trust, to speedy conquest. The outlook for this church is more hopeful to-day than ever before, and we predict that ere long this will be one of our best suburban churches. The pastor has a salary of $600 on the field and $400 from the Home Mission Society of New York.

The only Chinese Mission under the patronage of the Home Mission Society is in Oakland, under the direct supervision of Mrs. J. R. Bradway, who is now in the fifth year of work among the Chinese. The school has steadily increased in numbers the past year, and for the last month has an average attendance of thirty. During the first four months of the year Mrs. Bradway had but one assistant; since October last two assistants have been employed. The Christian brethren are very faithful and helpful. Two Chinamen have been converted, and have expressed a desire for baptism. School is held four evenings of each week. On Wednesday evening the Chinese brethren have a prayer meeting at the Mission rooms, and on Saturday evening a Bible Class in the Chinese language to instruct their countrymen in the Word of God. There is also a Chinese Sunday School connected with the First Baptist Church, of which Deacon Garthwaite is the superintendent.

During the year the Chinese brethren have contributed $261.35. There are fifteen who are members of the church. Much praise is due Mrs. Bradway for her self-denying and most efficient service in this department of our State Mission work. The work among the Chinese in San Francisco by Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., under the auspices of the Southern Board, does not properly belong in this report, since it was the purpose of your Committee to give a resumé of the work done in the State under the patronage of the Home Mission Society of New York.

We now call your attention to our Mission work at Ceres and Modesto, under the supervision of Rev. M. D. Gage. The past year has been one of great progress to our cause in both these towns, especially at Ceres. They have a population of twenty-five hundred; a congregation in each place of about eighty. The church at Modesto numbers fifty, the church at Ceres twenty-one; about one hundred children are in the Sabbath Schools of both towns. A church edifice has been erected the past year at Ceres, with a debt of only two thousand, which has been nearly or quite liquidated. The pastor has a salary of $700, on both fields, and $300 from the Home Mission Society. There have been twenty-four accessions the past year and fourteen of these were by baptism. This church, which has taken such advanced ground the

past year, will be self-supporting next year. The earnest and consecrated labors of our missionary, Rev. M. D. Gage, together with his loving and devoted people, have won the gratitude of all our hearts and the approbation of the Master.

Fresno is another town of importance now virtually taken for Christ by the Baptists. This is thought to be the most important point for a flourishing city of any locality between Stockton and Los Angeles. The leading business men of the town are Baptists, and the church, though small, is composed of the best material in the community. The town already has a population of three thousand and is rapidly increasing. Fresno is the County Seat of Fresno County, and the Baptist Church is the important thing in Fresno.

While it has no house of worship, it has what is better, a revival of religion and a disposition to lay solid foundations for the future and build a permanent work for the Master.

This church is under pastoral care of Rev. T. T. Potter, who has entered upon the field in a most auspicious time, and seems adapted to this most important position. When Bro. Potter entered this field, November 1st, 1882, the membership was only *twelve*, to-day the church numbers thirty-eight, and ten of these have been baptized within the past few weeks. The congregation has averaged fifty, and the Sunday School seventy-five. The pastor receives $600 on the field and $300 from the Home Mission Society. This church will soon be self-sustaining, and it is now only a little over a year old, it having been organized March 20, 1882.

Less than a year ago a Baptist church was organized at Compton, with a constituency of nine members. To-day the church numbers thirty-three. This town within a radius of three miles has a population of nearly two thousand. The Baptist Church is the pastoral care of Rev. J. T. Huff. They have no church edifice and consequently no church debt. The pastor receives only $350 from his little flock and $250 from the Home Mission Society. Notwithstanding its present weakness, financially, from its rapid growth since its organization August 27th, 1882, the pastor informs us that the church will probably be self-sustaining in two years. Bro. Huff preaches half the time at Artesia, a town twelve miles from Compton, where there is also a good prospect of an enterprising Baptist Church at no distant day. We next call your attention to the progress of our Baptist cause in Los Angeles. It is well known that Los Angeles, the *entrepot* of Southern California, is destined to be the third, if not the second, city in importance on the Pacific Coast. It already has a population of 18,000, and is very rapidly increasing. Enterprise and thrift are apparent on every hand. Our Baptist Church in Los Angeles has recently caught that same spirit of determination, and is now making rapid strides toward a house of worship and a permanent, self-supporting existence. Rev. P. W. Dorsey, the pastor under the blessing of God, has infused new life into all the departments of church work, and a most auspicious future has dawned at last upon this important field. The church has a moving congregation of two hundred, and a Sunday School of one hundred and fifty. The church numbers one hundred and sixteen, hav-

ing had thirty accessions the past year. They have as yet no church edifice, but they have $15,000 raised for that purpose. The pastor has $800 on the field and $400 from the Home Mission Society. He informs your committee that the church will be self-supporting one year hence. They expect to build a church and dedicate it within the next six months, and become, as they really are, the denominational centre of Southern California.

San Bernardino is a town of four thousand inhabitants located in a paradise of beauty and semi-tropical luxury.

We have there a flourishing Baptist Church of fifty-three members with a Sabbath School of seventy-seven and a congregation of seventy-five. The church has had twelve accessions the past year, and many other tokens of prosperity. A house of worship has been built and paid for. Some remarkably good financiering has been done by this little church. The pastor, Rev. J. Fulton, has a most inviting post of honor and fills it well. A salary of $500 is raised by the church, and $350 have been appropriated by the Home Mission Society.

We come now to speak of one of our best Mission Churches, and the last which belongs properly to this report, viz.: the Baptist Church at Riverside. This town has a population of about three thousand, and, like San Bernardino, is located in a region of Arcadian beauty. An enterprising Baptist Church of one hundred and nine members, with a Sunday School of one hundred and thirty and a congregation of two hundred and fifty, with thirty-eight accessions the past year, nineteen of which were by baptism, a beautiful house of worship built and dedicated and paid for, is perhaps entitled to the banner in Southern California, if not in the State. This enterprise is largely due to the indefatigable zeal, the well-balanced head and the consecrated heart of one man—Rev. Charles Button—the pastor of the church. Under his labors the past year, an interesting revival has been promoted, and the church seems to be upon a permanent basis of prosperity for all time to come. The pastor receives $800 from his devoted church, and $250 from the Home Mission Society. Our Baptist cause in Southern California is far in advance of what it has ever been before, and is destined to compare favorably with any other locality in the State. Thus the Lord has been pleased to prosper all our Mission Churches the past year in a manner so signal as to call for the profoundest expressions of gratitude from this convention and the Home Mission Board, under whose fostering care they have been enabled to send us these thrilling notes of victory.

In addition to the ten or eleven local missionaries named in the foregoing report, there is a General Secretary of the Pacific Coast, Rev. J. C. Baker, of Salem, Oregon, laboring under the direction of the Home Mission Society. He receives from the society in New York $1,500 and his traveling expenses. One-sixth of his salary, viz., $250, and the traveling expenses incurred in California work, is to be met by the General Baptist Convention of this State. Brother Baker has collected during the year for our State Mission work $240.95. He has also done other inportant work in many of the feeble churches of the State.

Rev. W. H. Latourette is acting as General Missionary in the Los Angeles Association. His work extends over three counties, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego, a territory nearly as large as the State of New York. These counties are filling up very rapidly, and it is of the utmost importance that our missionary work be prosecuted with great vigor at this time. The Baptist cause in the Los Angeles Association is rapidly rising in importance and efficiency. Young men of energy and old men of counsel and experience have appeared on the field, and the whole aspect of our cause is cheering. Brother Latourette seems eminently qualified for the important position assigned him. During the nine months since his appointment he has expended thirty-nine weeks of labor, has organized two churches and one Sunday School, has made religious visits in four hundred and twenty-eight families, distributed fifteen Bibles and five thousand six hundred pages of religious literature, secured three lots for church purposes, raised $1,200 toward building a church on one of our mission fields, and has traveled 2,404 miles. His salary is $900, of which $600 are from the Home Missionary Society of New York.

Rev. J. E. Barnes has been appointed General Missionary for Northern California, on a salary of $1,100. Four hundred dollars are from the Home Mission Board.

Brother Barnes began his labors March 1st, and therefore his report is brief. Under his labors there have already been twelve baptisms and seven accessions by experience. He has secured subscriptions for church debts, $1,165, and $66 for Home Missions. Brother Barnes' work has opened auspiciously, and we hope and pray for the best results.

With such a record as this before us, your committee look forward to the coming year with the fond hope that our next Convention will show still greater cause for gratitude to God.

We would also most heartily endorse the suggestion of Rev. J. C. Baker, the Superintendent of Missions for the Pacific Coast, that each one of the four or five thousand Baptists of California be asked to give at least *one dollar* for our State Mission work the coming year. We could then support twenty missionaries where now we have ten. We could answer many calls from various parts of the State, which urgently demand our immediate attention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Frost,
Chairman of Committee.

Moved that a committee be appointed to formulate a report expressive of the views of this Convention upon the Bible question, and that they forward the same to the Convention which will shortly meet at Saratoga, New York. Adopted.

The Chairman appointed the committee as follows: Revs. G. S. Abbott, A. J. Frost, Wm. M. Kincaid, J. Q. A. Henry, P. W.

Dorsey, E. H. Gray, S. B. Morse, J. B. Saxton, Chas. Button and Bros. W. R. Strong, E. R. Stockwell.

Rev. J. C. Baker, as the representative of the American Home Mission Society, reported upon the work accomplished during the past year, and briefly outlined the intentions of the Society for the future, expressing their desire to greatly enlarge the field of missionary work in California.

The Executive Committee of the Chinese Missionary Society, by its Chairman, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

REPORT OF CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Executive Committee of the Chinese Missionary Society of California are grieved to report that notwithstanding the repeated earnest recommendations of the Convention, and of the Central Baptist Association, not one church has reported to the Executive Committee the organization of a Branch Society. Consequently no funds have come into the treasury except the few dollars paid by the members who were present at the annual meeting in San Francisco last May. Some irregularity in the manner of electing the present Executive Committee rendered it impossible for the Secretary of the Society to make the necessary affidavit before a Notary Public to secure incorporation under the laws of the State, and for this reason we have been obliged to postpone incorporating till after the annual meeting of the Society in connection with this Convention. We trust the Convention will take measures during its present session to render the Society more efficient as an agent for the evangelization of the Chinese in the State. We appoint to represent the Society in the Convention, our brother, H. Garthwaite.

S. B. Morse, President.
J. B. Hartwell, Secretary.

Discussion upon the subject followed, in which Revs. Kincaid, Henry, Button, Mrs. Bradway and several others participated.

Membership roll was opened and a large number of new members were obtained, after which the following were nominated and elected as officers of the Society to serve during the coming year: President, Rev. S. B. Morse; Vice-President, Rev. G. S. Abbott; Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell; Treasurer, H. Garthwaite. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, together with Capt. G. A. Hull and J. R. Bradway, to compose the Executive Committee.

The Chairman announced as a Committee on the *Herald of Truth* the following: Revs. J. Q. A. Henry, S. B. Morse, W. H. Latourette.

The Committee on Nomination of Directors for 1886 submitted through its Chairman, Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, the following report:

Your Committee on Nomination of Directors of this Convention for 1886, recommend the following brethren to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of term, viz., Revs. Charles Button, J. Q. A. Henry, P. W. Dorsey, J. B. Hartwell, M. D. Gage, Wm. T. Fleenor, J. N. Burroughs and Bros. E. R. Stockwell and J. L. Lyon.

WM. M. KINCAID,
J. E. BARNES,
W. H. LATOURETTE,
Committee.

The report was on motion adopted, and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee was instructed, also on motion, to cast the ballot for the nominees as the Directors of the Convention for 1886, upon which they were declared elected.

The Committee on Reception of New Churches, through its Chairman, Rev. M. D. Gage, reported favorably upon the following applications, by letter and delegates, for membership in the Convention:

Riverside, Dixon, Woodland, Salinas, St. Helena, Zion Baptist Church in San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Vacaville.

M. D. GAGE,
A. J. FROST,
J. R. MASON,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted and the churches were elected to membership.

The President then extended the right hand of fellowship to the representatives of the above churches.

Hymn—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Prayer by Rev. J. N. Burroughs.

The Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast met at 1 o'clock. The President, Mrs. J. P. Cogswell, presiding.

Miss Adele M. Fielde, of Swatow, China, addressed the meeting on the subject of missionary work among the Chinese, and the condition of heathen women. Her address was full of interest, and was listened to with rapt attention.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

At 1:30 P. M. this Society held its fifth annual session. The President, Mrs. E. H. Gray, presiding. The reports from the various churches indicated a substantial growth in the interests of the Society. After presentation of reports by officers, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, with the following result:

President—Mrs. J. R. Bradway.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Ella Bradway.

Recording Secretary—Miss Ella Dearborn.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. B. Morse.

Hymn—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

On motion, the Society adjourned.

At 2 o'clock the Convention was called to order by the President.

Prayer offered by Rev. G. S. Abbott.

Hymn—"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices."

The Committee on Sunday Schools, through its Chairman, Capt. G. A. Hull, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee upon Sunday Schools would urge upon the members of our churches the importance of Sunday School work and the value of Bible study. The teaching of God's revealed law was especially enjoined upon the Israelites. It was to be taught diligently unto the children; it was to be the subject of conversation in the house and by the way; at the close of day and in the early morning. Blessings were to follow its teaching and the observance of its commandments; but trouble and sorrow if the teaching and observance were neglected. The law of the Old Testament, in this respect, is the law of the New. It is not an arbitrary law that gives these blessings, or that metes out these punishments; it is the law of cause and effect. The teachings of the Bible are divine wisdom, revealing the proper relation of man to God and his obligation to serve Him. And only in the recognition of this accountability by man is the conscience awakened to the convictions of sin. The Bible also reveals laws which apply to man's temporal condition and to his relations with his fellow men; and these are consequently fitted to secure his highest welfare and the best conditions to society. The Bible strikes at ignorance, superstition and oppression, and at every degrading influence. It meets the needs of the present, with a remedy for every evil in life, as well as prepares for the future life. In a word, the Bible is the text book of life, the one only true and comprehensive text book, with lessons adapted to all conditions of men and to all phases of society. Its lessons should be taught, therefore, to every man, woman and child, and the earlier in life the better. They are so simple that the smallest child may receive them with profit; and yet they are so profound and far-reaching that the most mature and comprehensive mind may daily investigate them and yet never reach the depth of their wisdom.

In contemplating these truths, we are prepared to realize to some extent the value of the Sunday School work. The Sunday School magnifies the Bible as the Word of God, and exalts it as the only authority in doctrine and life. It turns the light of the Bible upon the heart, that its nature and its need of purification may be made plain, and teaches the necessity of purity of inward life as well as outward conformity to God's laws. It turns the light of the Bible upon the pathways of life—from childhood to manhood and old age—makes plain the path of rectitude, and shows with warnings the diverging paths that lead to evil. The Sunday School commences this work at the most susceptible period of life, and from that point carries forward the educational work which is intended, under Divine influence, to build up character after the Bible standard. It acts upon the wisdom of the Bible thought, that symmetry of growth in character is to be sought after. It acts upon the promise that this symmetry of growth in character may be obtained by laying proper foundations in early life through the teaching of God's Word and the influence of

the Holy before the child's mind and heart have been enthralled by the influences of evil; and that in growth thus nurtured in love to Christ, and rooted in faith, the character will expand year by year, adding virtue to virtue, strength to strength, zeal to devotion, and to these that faithfulness which is unto death.

It may be said that this is the work of an ideal Sunday School. We answer that the Bible presents an ideal manhood, of which Christ is the perfect example; and an ideal church, which is a conception beyond any present realization; may we not have, as the source of our inspiration and energy of endeavor, the thought of an ideal Sunday School for the perfection of character in the study of God's Word. The standard of all Christian labor is above man's attainment; but, in the strength of the Divine Spirit, we may labor for the nearest approach possible to that standard.

It is well known that a very large proportion of those received into church fellowship are brought in between nine and twenty years of age. This, then, is not only the period for sowing, but it is likewise the period for reaping. We are apt to place a low estimate upon the value of the young convert to the church as compared with those of older years. But whether it be in strength of Christian character or in length of service, the promises of benefit to the church are far greater in the younger convert; his habits of thought are not settled in channels of worldly wisdom, nor his habits of life fixed. He is in the plastic state, and will, therefore, be more readily brought into harmony with God's laws. He comes with fresh, young life to be guided into channels of usefulness in the church, while those converted later in years have only the remnant of their lives to offer for the Master's service. If, then, we may look for so large a proportion of the effective work of our churches within these early years of individual life, it is exceedingly important that pastors and people should study the methods of thought, the manner of approach and the style of speech best adapted to secure an attentive hearing from the young. Too often we satisfy our consciences for our neglect of work in this direction with the excuse that we are "not adapted to Sunday School work;" that we have "no faculty for talking to the young." If the highest mission in life is to teach the truth to immortal souls, that they may be won to Christ, then the highest wisdom is that we prepare ourselves to reach them at that period of life when they are the most accessible. To reach the young and interest them, earnestness and simplicity in style are required. Then let these be sought after. If simplicity in style is sought for, both in teaching and preaching, young and old will be lifted to a higher plane—because the truth thus uttered will reach the heart more directly and with greater force. Too often the man possessed of a large vocabulary places himself on a par with the man of poverty in speech, for while the one fails in conveying his ideas for lack of language, the other conceals his thoughts through redundancy in expression. We should seek, then, to convey the truths of the Bible in that simplicity of style that will most certainly convey the truth while holding the attention of the scholar. And so, we may hope, the scholar will be more impressed with the truths of the Gospel, and accepting them, be carried from the Sunday School into the church.

Let us, then, lay broad plans for Sunday School work, under a sense of personal obligation that the work shall be maintained and carried forward with vigor. And let none be satisfied until Sunday Schools are successfully maintained in every community. How shall this important work be advanced and made yet more effective?

1st. By earnest, unceasing and prayerful effort. And in this effort the pastors must lead. They should give inspiration to the work. It is not enough that the pastor have an interest; his interest should have expression in his presence in the school so far as practicable; in cultivating acquaintance with the minds of the scholars; that the teacher's work may be strengthened by his personal influence as pastor; in earnest seeking for fruit from the sowing, and in frequent presentations to the church of the needs of the work.

2d. The laity should take hold of this work with energy, for the burden of it must fall upon them, and they should assume it willingly and resolutely. The Sunday School should be maintained whether there be a pastor or not. If there be no pastor and no preaching—as it is too often the case in some of our towns—then the Sunday School rises still higher in importance and the responsibility of superintendent and teachers is correspondingly increased; for it may then be the only center of influence for drawing the people together for God's worship, and upon it may depend the future welfare of the church in that community.

3d. Strive to bring the entire church and congregation into the school. Disabuse the minds of the people of the thought that the Sunday School is only for the young. The value of the Bible is to all alike, and all need to study it. When the older members of the church unite in this service with the younger scholars, there is an expressed appreciation of the importance of Bible study which is of inestimable value in its influence upon the young. And it tends, also, to secure the continuance of the scholar in the school after he arrives at the age of maturity.

4th. For superintendents and teachers, aim to secure the best men attainable; those who are disciples of Christ, who are willing to render a complete service—not half-hearted and variable; those who toil earnestly, honestly and unceasingly in God's strength and for love of the Master.

5th. Have teachers' meetings if possible, and in these the pastor should give weekly expositions of the lesson for the following Sunday. This should be, in effect, a normal class, in which would be shown, while teaching, the best methods of reaching the scholar and presenting the salient points of the lesson. And thus the quality of teaching will be improved and teachers lifted to a higher plane.

6th. Let everything center upon the one important object, the conversion of the scholar to Christ, that religion in the heart may be established as the guiding influence in life, through which strong, aggressive Christian characters may be developed.

7th. Lay hold of the heart of the scholar in the spirit of the Master. Win it by kindness, by patience, by perseverance and by presenting daily fresh thoughts or things new and old, diligently sought for and brought out of the Word of God.

8th. Bring the scholar into sympathy and co-operation with every branch of Christian work, especially with the regular services of the church and its benevolences; cultivate systematic giving and a responsibility to God in material things; study to give breadth of vision to the scholar, that in view of the whole field of work he may have an active and abiding interest in our great organizations—the Missionary Union, the Home Mission Board and the Publication Society.

9th. For lesson helps use those issued by the Baptist Publication Society. They are carefully prepared for teachers and for classes of all grades—young and old—and are well digested and valuable commentaries on the Sacred text; great care being evidently exercised to the full unfolding of the truth. They are unexcelled by any similar publications in their arrangement and in their concise and admirable expositions.

10th. Who should control the work of the Sunday school? Manifestly those Christian men and women who are identified with the school. This is the policy of wisdom—recognized in all kindred auxiliary organizations of the churches for pursuing specific work. Our Home Mission work is in the hands of those who are interested in Home Missions; our Foreign Missionary work of those who are interested in Foreign Missions. It would be folly to entrust these great interests to the control of those who have no love for these fields of labor. Would it be less so to put the Sunday School under the control of those who have not interest enough to give their time and talent to advancing this particular work, and cannot know, from want of information, the needs of the school. The church should control the Sunday School by being in the Sunday School, and thus control out of the depth of interest that comes from active participation in the work. Then the control by the church and by the Sunday School will be one.

11th. Pray in faith that the seed sown may spring up and bear fruit; and for strength to carry forward the work successfully, realizing that the gift of the Holy Spirit *is strength for use* in the Master's service; and that upon the use of that strength depends the blessing of its continuance.

There is a reflex influence to the churches, from the work in the Sabbath School which is beyond value. In this open field men and women, in activity, are brought to a higher standard in religion, in morals, in the varied relations of life, and to increased energy in every good work. The Sabbath School is necessarily a beneficent institution in any community. It is a guarantee for the future for the obedience of children ; for the well ordering of homes ; for sobriety and honesty and industry among all classes of men; for the peace of communities; for elevation and purity in national life; and for the prosperity of the church. If it does not root out all evil, it curtails it, by bringing individuals in early life under the influence of that spirirt and those higher laws which transform character, turning it from evil and enabling it to take on the righteousness that comes through the Divine Master, and to receive that energy in the cause of truth which is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Of what inestimable value, then, is an organization which opens the way to such desirable ends. How important that it should be fostered by the churches; that indi-

vidual efforts should be united to make its work effective; and that the churches should solicit in its behalf, fervently and continuously, that divine aid which is an indispensable factor in its prosperity and usefulness.

G. A. HULL,
Chairman of Committee.

Discussion upon the subject of Sunday Schools followed. Mrs. Richardson advocated the "Band of Hope" as an auxiliary in Sabbath School work. Rev. J. E. Cohenour offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention endorse the "Band of Hope."

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Education, through its Chairman, Rev. S. B. Morse, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee begs leave to report as follows: While the educational question has occupied the attention of Baptists of California to a certain extent for thirty years past, and while apparently the results have been unsatisfactory in a measure, yet the conviction lies upon our hearts to-day that the *results* have been, perhaps, equal to the efforts put forth. The great work of denominational and Christian education cannot be accomplished *anywhere* without earnest and prolonged effort, thorough conviction and consecration on the part of somebody. There is not to-day a Christian institution of learning in the world but was born and reared, nurtured and nourished upon the bosom of some one or many who took it upon their hearts, and carried it there until it became strong and self-sustaining. Secular education is fostered and enforced by civil law. Christian education must be fostered and sustained by men and women who have the law of God written upon their hearts and the fear of God before their eyes, for no man will be an earnest supporter of Christian education who has not such a deep religious conviction of soul upon this matter. What we want, brethren, in California is just this conviction. Conviction must always precede conversion. Money will not be converted and turned into religious educational channels until men get a deep conviction upon this subject. We need somehow to be awakened to the fact that the educational interests of our denomination in this State deserve our earnest thought and *action*, *more* than any other one of our great denominational interests. With all the interest we should have in Home and Foreign Missions, and in our American Baptist Publication Society, there is no part of our work touching the *vitality* of our future growth and strength, none which, if

properly fostered and maintained, will bring such rich blessings and results, as our Christian educational work. There is no denomination in this respect wiser than the Roman Catholics, who found their schools and thoroughly endow them as rapidly as possible. There are probably in this State to-day 1,500 Baptist families. In these homes are not less than 3,000 children. Now, where are these children to be educated? We know of scores of boys and girls sent from Baptist homes away to school. Some are in sectarian, some are in non-sectarian, and some—with shame be it said—in Roman Catholic schools. We have received half a score of letters the past year from parents inquiring where they could place their children in school—whether we had any Baptist school or not. We have felt heart-sick to tell them that we have no such school in all the great State of California. In a State where there are about 5,000 Baptists, with about 100 organized churches, representing not less than $15,000,000 of wealth, one cent on the dollar of which would give us $150,000 endowment fund for a college, and yet we have not so much as an academy, not so much as a Baptist seminary, where our boys can receive moral and intellectual training. We have had and have now one or two schools taught by Baptist women, and under *private* Baptist instruction, where young ladies can receive Christian culture. One of these, for some years at San Diego, is now extinct. One at Sacramento is still in successful operation. But we have to-day no school, male or female, in California known as a Denominational School. None under the auspices of the General Baptist Convention. None around which the denomination clusters. None called

"OUR SCHOOL."

The college at Vacaville is still held by a Board of Trustees under Baptist name, but it is now under a four years' lease to outside parties, who conduct it as a secular school. Property to the value of probably $20,000 or more is held by the Board of Trustees, upon which there is an indebtedness of $8,000. Your committee, in conclusion, would present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the interests of education are of such vital importance to us as a denomination, that to suffer them to fall into neglect through our apathy and indifference is imperiling our highest interests.

Resolved, That the failures of the past shall not deter us, but rather stimulate us to a more vigorous prosecution of this work.

Resolved, That we urge upon the attention of all our brethren to whom God has given means the importance of liberal donations to our educational enterprise, that we may soon have a good endowment fund, without which it is utterly impossible to inaugurate and conduct a denominational school.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL B. MORSE,
Chairman Committee on Education.

Discussion ensued upon the subject, in which Bro. McCune and Revs. Abbott, Henry, Barnes, Morse, Gray, and several

others participated; after which it was moved that a Committee of Conference be appointed to confer with the College Board of Trustees at Vacaville. Adopted.

The Committee on Publication Society, through its Chairman, Rev. E. H. Gray, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The friends of the American Baptist Publication Society have occasion to thank God and congratulate the denomination for the great work this vigorous body is doing for the cause of Christ. It is complex in its nature and objects, being (according to its published circular) at once a Book Publishing House, Bible Society, Tract Society, Colporteur Agency, and Sunday School Society, all united in aggressive home and foreign mission work. As a Book Publishing House, it issues only pure and religious literature, adapted to the wants of the people; as a Bible, Missionary, and Colporteur Agency, it employs earnest, Christian laborers, who carry to the destitute the Bible and other good books, and preach as they go; and as a Sunday School Society, it organizes Sunday Schools, extends help to poor schools, and provides ample and valuable literature for all.

This Society has for its field of labor, a wide and extended area, including all the destitute portions of the States and Territories of our own country, and extending its operations into British Columbia, Mexico, and into Germany and Sweden, in Europe, and is now just establishing a mission in Turkey, with headquarters at Constantinople.

We have just had intelligence from the rooms in Philadelphia that the Missionary Department of the Publication Society has closed its fiscal year—April 1st—not only out of debt, but with $3,022 in the treasury.

But that which especially interests us is the work of the Publication Society on this coast. We have at last a depository, in pleasant rooms, easily accessible, in Oakland, under the direction of the General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Abbott. This Depository carries on its shelves one thousand dollars' worth of the latest and best publications of the Society, consisting of religious and Sunday School literature, equal to that of any publishing house in the country. It is designed to fill a large place in denominational life and intelligence, which we cannot well afford to do without. Especially is this true of Sunday School supplies. The variety and number of Sunday School papers, periodicals, lesson helps, and books for Sunday School libraries at the depository far exceed that of any former years. We trust all undenominational literature will give place to our own publications, which are equal in merit, and in low price, to any others; for denominational prosperity largely depends on the use of our own literature. Pastors and superintendents of our schools, therefore, are earnestly recommended to patronize our denominational publications, found at our depository.

The General Superintendent has, during the year, visited different portions of the State in the interest of the Society, and has held several Sunday School institutes; and, in general, has awakened an interest and given a new impulse to the Sunday School work. This he will continue to do for the year to come.

All the contributions, both from the churches and from individuals, to the Publication Society, are scrupulously devoted to its missionary work. This covers gratuitous Bible distribution, the work of Colportage, grants to schools, to ministers and to churches, and also the support of missionaries in the field. The total amount of collections on this coast for this Society since April, 1882, has been $432.25. This, financially, is a meagre showing as a contribution to a great body doing so grand a work, and with a host of laborers illustrating the highest capability and the purest consecration in the service of Christ. The Publication Society is entitled to, and well deserves a generous contribution from every Baptist in the State. God grant that the means may be forthcoming largely to aid this national organization in its grand Bible, tract, colporteur, Sunday School, and pioneer mission work!

E. H. Gray,
Chairman Committee on Publication Society.

Discussion on the report followed, in which Bros. Abbott, Gage, Garnett, Frost and Bromley participated.

Hymn—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Garnett.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

May 10th, 7:30 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President. A large audience was present.

Hymn—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run."

Prayer offered by Rev. J. B. Saxton.

The committee on the *Herald of Truth*, through its chairman, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, submitted the following report which was, on motion, adopted:

REPORT ON "HERALD OF TRUTH."

Believing that the progress of our denomination of California within the past few years, as well as the present hopeful outlook, is due to the wholesome and beneficent influence of the *Herald of Truth*; therefore,

Resolved, That we are grateful to Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., its editor, for the faithful and self-denying work which he has done in the regular publication of this, our denominational paper for California. That we express our appreciation of this religious paper, and the importance of its mission in the development of our individual and church life, by personal contribution to its support, and by our individual endeavor to increase its circulation among the Baptists of the State.

J. Q. A. HENRY,
W. H. LATOURETTE,
S. B. MORSE,
Committee.

Pledges and cash collections were taken amounting to $110 and fifty subscribers.

The Committee on Foreign Missions by its Chairman, Rev. G. S. Abbott, presented a report which on motion was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to report that in California there has been raised the past year $310.05 for the Missionary Union, an excess over the former year of $145.44. This amount has been contributed by fifteen churches. This is no inconsiderable number of the churches contributing to our various objects of benevolence. It is not a contribution from *all* our churches, nor from all we believe we shall hear from twelve months hence. That there is no large number of contributing churches to foreign missions is not altogether due to a lack of interest in them, but to circumstances possibly over which our pastors and churches have had no control. As a rule, however, it is believed to be true that it is easy to find a way for the raising of funds where a conviction of duty is carried in doing so. It is due to the record to allow that Baptists of California are so fully engrossed in their own denominational life, in the building of churches, in the payment of church debts, in the fostering of benevolence needful to their own home evangelization, that it is quite natural for them to offer the constraint of their own home necessities as the reason for their inability to do much for the Kingdom of God abroad. There is some ground for this feeling. All States on the frontier of a new civilization feel it, and a degree of patience is to be exercised in waiting for the era when the sphere of a Christian's obligation shall be admitted to be commensurate with the burden of the Great Commission, resting with equal weight on every foot of the full circle of the globe.

Your committee believes that a Missionery conviction that carries one's prayers and alms deeds to the degree of one's ability to the ends of the earth, is a necessity for the fullest development of Baptist Churches on the Pacific Coast, and that a Missionary Concert as originally conducted, solely in the interest of foreign missions, should have place in the regular appointments of our churches every month.

We gratefully appreciate the auxiliary aid rendered by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Circles on the Pacific Coast, and hold it to be a singularly felicitous feature of our present Convention that we have with us Miss Adele M. Fielde, our honored missionary sister from Swatow, China, and Rev. C. F. Tolman, the efficient and beloved District Secretary of the Missionary Union for the West, and recommend them to the heartiest and most generous consideration of our people.

G. S. Abbott,
Chairman of Committee.

Rev. C. F. Tolman, Secretary for the Western States of the American Baptist Missionary Union delivered a highly interesting address upon the subject of Missions, and the work accomplished by the society he represented.

Miss Adele M. Fielde, from Swatow, China, addressed the Convention upon mission work, more particularly among the Chinese. The address was highly interesting and was listened to with marked attention.

A collection for Foreign Missions was then taken and ordered passed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Committee on Arrangements, by its Chairman, Rev. E. H. Gray, submitted an additional report on programme for tomorrow as follows:

9 A. M. to 10—Devotional exercises, led by Bro. Henry.
10:30 to 11—Treasurer's report.
11 to 11:30—Report of Statistical Secretary.
Report of committees.
Resolutions.
Closing exercises.

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Frost.

Convention adjourned to meet at 10. A. M. next morning.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, May 11th, 1883.

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock. President in the chair.

Hymn—"Happy Day."

Prayer offered by Rev. J. E. Cohenour.

The President announced the following Committee of Conference with the College Board at Vacaville:

Rev. E. H. Gray,	Rev. G. S. Abbott,
" Wm. M. Kincaid,	" A. J. Frost,
" S. B. Morse,	" J. Q. A. Henry,
" P. W. Dorsey,	" Chas. Button,
" J. B. Saxton,	Deacon W. R. Strong.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary and on motion adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. R. Stockwell, Treasurer, in account with General Baptist Convention of California.

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Sacramento Convention	$13 10
East Oakland Church	114 00
Vacaville Church	9 00
Mrs. Elvina N. Chapman	25 00
Mrs. O. K. Wright, Treasurer Woman's Home Missionary Society	154 90
First Church, Stockton	101 50
First Church, Red Bluff	21 40
Santa Cruz Church	2 85
San Diego Church, for Missionary Southern California	5 25
Los Angeles Association	225 00
General Baptist Association, collection	6 80
Chico Church	6 65
E. R. Stockwell	40 00
First Church, Sacramento	70 00
Estate of Sarah J. Hart	100 00
Santa Barbara Church	1 10
Santa Barbara Association	9 55

S. B. Hatch	$10 00
H. C. Dye	2 00
Wheatland Church	36 70
Penryn	5 30
Biggs Station	13 45
Hopewell	26 05
Pine Grove	1 60
First Church, San Francisco	52 50
First Church, Alameda	4 00
Ukiah Church	14 25
Trinity Church, Oakland	7 50
Santa Clara	6 00
Zion Church, San Francisco	5 00
Modesto Church	10 85
Vallejo Church	19 50
St. Helena Church	6 20
First Church, Oakland	20 05
Woodland Church	14 30
Fresno Church	20 00
Santa Ana Church	32 45
Riverside Church	6 00
Carpenteria Church	9 85
Santa Paula Church	5 65
Ceres Church	23 30
Total	$1,308 60

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1882—June	1,	By telegram, T. J. Weil	$1 00
"	12,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	113 25
Aug.	11,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	28 00
Sept.	21,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y	75 00
"	30,	" J. C. Baker, Home Mission Society, N. Y.	2 45
Oct.	30,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	100 00
Nov.	6,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	100 00
Dec.	14,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	75 00
"	15,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	10 00
"	27,	" S. B. Morse	5 00
1883—Feb.	3,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	75 00
Feb.	26,	" remittance to Home Mission Society, N. Y.	125 35
March	6,	" J. C. Baker, Home Mission Society, N. Y.	199 05
April	18,	" deduction J. E. Barnes, P. O. order	20
"	18,	" exchange on New York	40

1883—May	7, By drafts and exchange	$171 05
"	10, " Home Mission Society, N. Y	227 85
Total		$1,308 60

E. R. Stockwell, Treasurer.

Approved by P. D. Code, Auditor.

Note—The Fifth Baptist Church of San Francisco and the Baptist Church at Dixon, Cal., both contributed to the treasury subsequent to the closing of this report. The amounts will therefore appear in the next annual report.

The Committee on the Bible Question presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

Whereas, It is impossible for us as delegates to the General Baptist Convention of California to be represented in the Bible Convention to be held in Saratoga, New York, on the 22d and 23d of this month, and

Whereas, It is possible for us to show that we are neither unmindful of the great question now on the thought of American Baptists, nor indifferent to the unusually important issues that turn on an adjustment and settlement of this Bible controversy; therefore—

Resolved, That there are few if any chapters of Christian history more replete with honor than those which are filled with the work, and the result of work, of English and American Baptist missionaries in the splendid record of their accomplished translations for heathen populations of the Word of God.

Resolved, That it is to us a matter of sincere congratulation that the Revised or Canterbury Version, now so nearly completed, had for its inception, particularly in America, the irrepressible conflict of Baptist conviction, that accuracy and purity of translation, as far as possible, at home and abroad, was due to the progress of large learning, sanctified to the salvation of the whole world; making the question of Biblical translation, aside from all incidentals, one of the most vital considerations of Protestantism in the present century.

Resolved, That while in debt, on the Pacific Coast, to the American Bible Society for generous services, we hold this society responsible seriously to history for the attitude in which it stands to-day, as in 1836, in refusing aid in translations for heathen lands, not conformed to that very English Bible from which the Canterbury Version has already notably recorded its dissent; and that it would be a surrender of blindness to blindness, and of both to the ditch, for American Baptists to consent to a perpetuation of misconception, misstatement and ignorance, with regard to accurate translations, that are not sufferable even in the scholarly English world.

Resolved, That while never forgetting the measures or the men, the societies, or the servants of societies in the American and Foreign Bible Society,

and in the Bible Union who have been the champions of dissent from this singularly unfortunate, not to say indefensible attitude of the American Bible Society, we put on record appreciatively, as Baptists of California, our recognition of the large services of the American Baptist Missionary Union in the work of translation and distribution of the Bible in heathen lands, and of its pledged ability and readiness to-day to continue so doing; a large observation showing that much if not all of this work is most wisely done when intrusted to the supervision of those missionaries themselves who know presumably most fully the requirements of the fields they occupy.

Resolved, That for the home work of Bible supply and distribution, the American Baptist Publication Society is constitutionally fitted for the largest Bible work that may be given to it, and that its department of finance for many years past, over which Rev. Benjamin Griffith, D. D., has presided so brilliantly, is sufficiently honorable to insure the faithful performance of all obligations laid as a society on his hands.

Resolved, That since the multiplication of societies, when not absolutely required in the premises, would seem to be an unwise expenditure of the consecrated intelligence and wealth of our denomination, we see no better solution of our Bible controversy than to impose its obligations renewedly, continually and adequately, for the foreign field, on the American Baptist Missionary Union, and on the Board of Foreign Missions in the Southern Convention, and for the home work on the American Baptist Publication Society, happily constructed to be, and allowed to be, the one national Bible Society of Baptists for the United States and Territories, as also for the Provinces in the Dominion of Canada.

Resolved, That we shall pray that some such result as the above may follow the meetings in Saratoga; to the end that our Bible question may be put at rest in discussion, and only justified to be kept forever alive in the momentous responsibility of the Baptists of the world, in adhering to their purpose, and in vigorously pushing forward accurate versions of the Word of God, for all the dialects of earth, to the end of time.

(Signed) G. S. Abbott, E. H. Gray,
W. M. Kincaid, A. J. Frost,
S. B. Morse, J. Q. A. Henry,
P. W. Dorsey, Chas. Button,
W. R. Strong, J. B. Saxton.

Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Statistical Secretary, presented a report, which, on motion, was adopted. (See appendix.)

On motion, a vote of appreciative thanks was tendered Bro. Henry for his faithful services.

The Committee on Appointments and Place for Next Session, reported, through its Chairman, Rev. A. J. Frost, recommending

that the Convention meet at Woodland, Yolo county, on the Wednesday evening following the first Sunday in May, 1884, and that Rev. P. W. Dorsey, of Los Angeles, preach the Convention sermon and that Rev. J. H. Garnett be his alternate. Adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries, through its Chairman, Rev. M. D. Gage, submitted the following report, which was on motion adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

Your Committee on Obituaries report the following names of deceased members of churches connected with this Convention. None of our brethren in the ministry have died during the year now closed. In relation to those brethren and sisters who have died and gone to their heavenly home, we have no special items of information from the churches bereaved by their death.

The Calvary Church, of Sacramento, have followed five of their members to their final rest, viz.: Bro. Henry Gantis, Willard E. Antisdell, and Sisters Mary E. Barbee, Katie Megowan and Bessie Jackson. The First Church at Stockton has also lost two of its members, Bro. Wm. A. Dow and Sister T. D. Wood. The Trinity Church, of Oakland, has been called to part with Sister M. F. Stewart, who united with the First Church, of Oakland, in 1854; and the Salinas Church with Sister Abigail Abbott, who was one of the constituent members of the church.

Thus pass from the labors of earth those whom we have loved in the church below. May the Master whom we serve so fit us for a triumphant death by a of life consecration to his service, that he may say to us at last: "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

M. D. Gage,
H. E. McCune,
W. R. Strong,
Committee.

Three amendments to the Constitution having been adopted unanimously by the Board of Managers, were submitted to the Convention by Rev. G. S. Abbott. They were unanimously adopted. (See Minutes of Board of Managers.)

The Committee on Important Subjects in the Report of the Executive Committee submitted, through its Chairman, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, the following report, which on motion was adopted:

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS IN REPORT.

The committee appointed to consider important subjects in the annual report presented by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, desire to notice:

The cordial and liberal plan upon the basis of which the American Baptist Home Mission Society co-operates with this Convention in its efforts to evangelize and Christianize California, and would emphathize the wisdom and importance of generous contributions from our churches for State work in connection with the liberal appropriations of this society.

That if wise and practical plans of work are outlined and executed, the office of Superintendent of Missions in California will not only vindicate its place in the economy of Missions, but may do much to enforce the obligation of our churches to this society.

That the rule respecting appropriations relating to the quarterly reports of missionaries to the Executive Committee of the Board be scrupulously enforced upon the consideration of those under appointments.

The urgent needs of our denomination in San Francisco justify the conscientious attempt to establish a Board of City Missions, whose duty it shall be to direct the operations of a city missionary according to the plans set forth in the report and proposed by the Superintendent of Missions.

The gratifying results of work done upon the fields during the past Conventional year should give courage and consecration for our future service. These reports, we believe, to be due in no small degree to the private character and consecration of our missionaries, who are worthy of a larger place in the sympathetic heart of our denominational brotherhood.

That our missionary churches be encouraged to imitate the example of the churches at Los Angeles and Ceres in their attempt to relieve the Convention from assistance, at the earliest practical moment.

J. Q. A. Henby, Chairman.

Rev. E. H. Gray offered the following resolution on Wandering Ministers, which on motion was adopted:

RESOLUTION ON WANDERING BAPTIST MINISTERS.

Whereas, Men, purporting to be Baptist ministers, come drifting from the East, who are either bankrupt in moral character or have failed to secure confidence or success in the ministry at home, and,

Whereas, Many Baptist Churches on this coast have been rent and torn asunder, and others have been utterly destroyed by the influence and labors of such unworthy and designing men; therefore,

Resolved, That we, members of the General Baptist Convention, earnestly recommend to our churches in the State to engage no professed minister as

pastor, or supply, until they have taken special measures to ascertain the antecedents of such men and know whether they are in good and regular standing in the denomination, and whether they are worthy of esteem and confidence as ministers of God.

Moved, that the President of the Convention express to Rev. W. T. Fleenor, of Stockton, the heartfelt sympathy of this Convention in his illness, and the hope that God may bless him and hasten his recovery. Adopted.

Rev. Chas. Button offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we, as a Convention, return our most hearty thanks to the First Baptist Church of Oakland and their pastor, for their abundant and liberal hospitality accorded us during the sessions of this Convention."

Adopted.

Moved, by Rev. A. J. Frost, that the Convention recommend to the Baptist churches in the State that they use unfermented wine in the solemnization of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Adopted.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell was appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing the Minutes for publication.

Subscriptions were taken from the representatives of churches to defray the expense of publishing the Minutes.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the President, Rev. H. I. Parker, addressed the Convention, expressing thankfulness for the universal harmony existing in the Baptist denomination, and asking a heartfelt and prayerful co-operation in the labor of love for the Master.

The closing hymn of the Convention was announced:

Love divine, all love excelling,
  Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
  All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
  Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
  Enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
'Till in heaven we take our place,
'Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Baker, and the President declared the Convention adjourned, to meet in Woodland, Yolo county, on Wednesday May 7, 1884, at 7.30 P. M.

WM. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

H. I. PARKER, President.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

OAKLAND, May 9, 1883.

The Board of Managers met this day at 8 o'clock A. M., Rev. H. I. Parker in the chair; Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Secretary *pro tem.*

Prayer by Dr. Saxton.

Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Chairman of Executive Board, read the annual report of the Committee, which was on motion adopted and ordered to be read before the Convention.

Treasurer's report read, and, after discussion, referred to E. R. Stockwell, J. C. Baker and S. B. Morse as a special committee for correction and simplification.

After remarks by Rev. J. C. Baker, upon the subject of Home Missions, the Board adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

The Board re-assembled at 1 o'clock.

After general remarks relating to the work of the Convention, it was moved that the Treasurer's books be closed at 8.30 A. M. to-morrow morning, May 10th. Adopted.

Moved, that the Board urge all missionaries to abstain from the use of tobacco in all forms. Adopted.

Moved, that we co-operate with Rev. J. C. Baker, Superintendent of Missions, in an endeavor to raise $1 per member of our churches in California for the American Baptist Home Missionary Society. Adopted.

Moved, that all our missionaries be instructed to send quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Executive Committee, and that they each give a duplicate receipt to the Treasurer of the Convention for all moneys appropriated by them on account of the appropriation allowed them by the Home Missionary Society. Adopted.

Adjourned until 8.30 A. M. to-morrow.

May 10, 1883.

The Board re-assembled at 8.30 A. M., Rev. H. I. Parker presiding.

Prayer by Dr. Saxton.

Moved, that the Treasurer's report, as corrected, be adopted, with the suggestion that the various churches contributing to the sum credited to the Los Angeles Association be named, and each credited with its own contribution in the report. Carried.

Moved, that we recommend that hereafter all moneys contributed to the Convention treasury must be handed to the Treasurer on or before May 1st, and that no moneys are to be credited after that date. Adopted.

Bro. Levensaler, as Chairman of Committee on Mission Work in San Francisco, reported progress.

Adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M.

Board was called to order at 1.30 P. M. by Chairman Rev. H. I. Parker.

Moved, that the application of Rev. M. Fisk be laid on the table. Adopted.

Moved, that we appeal to the Home Mission Society for a donation of $1,000 from the Edifice Fund for the Los Angeles Church. Adopted.

Moved, that we also ask the Home Mission Society for a donation of $500 from the Edifice Fund for the Wheatland Church. Adopted.

Moved, that we rescind the instructions heretofore adopted relative to the manner in which missionaries are to remit money. Adopted.

Rev. G. S. Abbott presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the sake of relieving our Treasurer of all misunderstanding between our missionaries and the General Superintendent and himself, we recommend that each and all of them in appropriating moneys on account of their salaries or expenses, be asked to request the Treasurer in New York to forward receipts for the same to the Treasurer of our Convention.

Adopted.

Moved, that the $100 in the hands of former Treasurer which was received from the San Juan Church be turned over to our Treasurer. Adopted.

Moved, that a committee of three be appointed to look after the San Pablo church property. Adopted, and Bros. Code, Levensaler and Lyon appointed.

Moved, that Bro. Jesse be appointed to look after the church property at Marysville. Adopted.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. May 11th.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Parker presiding.

Prayer by Dr. Morse.

On motion a Committee on Nomination of Executive Committee was appointed, as follows: Revs. J. B. Saxton, M. D. Gage and Deacon J. R. Mason.

The Committee, through its Chairman, reported the following named as nominees: Revs. Wm. M. Kincaid, E. H. Gray, G. S. Abbott, S. B. Morse, A. J. Frost and P. W. Dorsey. Report adopted and the nominees declared elected.

Moved, as a recommendation, that hereafter the members of the Executive Committee be given one week's notice of all meetings, and that the meetings be held monthly. Adopted.

Rev. G. S. Abbott moved that the sentence, "The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee" be inserted as an amendment to Article VII. of the By-Laws, and that it follow the words "facility for business;" also that the words "Home Missions" in Article VIII. be stricken out.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell moved that Article VIII. be amended so as to read, "The Executive Committee shall appoint committees *at its first meeting following the anniversary session.*

The above amendments were separately adopted, and Dr. Abbott was instructed to present them to the Convention as a unanimous recommendation from the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

WM. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	No. CHS.	FUNDS RAISED
General Baptist Convention of California..	Rev. H. I. Parker, D.D..... Santa Ana.	Wm. B. Thompson, Esq..... 119½ Thirteenth st., S, F.	John R. Mason, Esq..... Oakland.	33	.....
Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society.	Mrs. J. P. Cogswell..... Oakland.	Miss Clara P. Hull..... 614 Eddy street, S. F.	.....	13	$435 33
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society...	Mrs. E. H. Gray..... Oakland.	Miss Ella Dearborn..... East Oakland.	.....	5	185 95
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society.....	Rev. S. B. Morse..... East Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D D..... 1020 Jackson street, S. F.	H. Garthwaite, Esq..... Oakland.	....	18 00
Central Baptist Association.....	Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid. ..... 626 Eddy street, S. F.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D..... 1020 Jackson street, S. F.	Philip D. Code, Esq..... 314 Washington st., S. F.	18	.....
Clear Lake Baptist Association.....	Elder J. S. Ross..... Caspar.	R. H. Lawrence, Esq..... Lakeport.	Deacon R. P. White..... Clear Lake.	6	.....
Eastern Baptist Association	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Los Angeles Baptist Association.....	Rev. H. I. Parker, D.D..... Santa Ana.	T. K. McDowell..... Duarte.	Willis Newton, Esq. ..... Downey.	14	.....
Pacific Baptist Association.....	Deacon J. G. Pressley..... Santa Rosa.	W. E. Adams..... Healdsburg.	Robert Crane, Esq..... Santa Rosa.	9	.....
Sacramento River Baptist Association.....	Elder J. N. Borroughs..... Chico.	Elder C. C Bateman ..... Red Bluff.	W. R. Duncan, Esq..... Willows.	18	.....
Santa Barbara Baptist Association.....	Rev. S. S. Fisk..... Santa Barbara.	Frank R. Couch..... Carpenteria.	Rev. James Lambert..... Santa Barbara.	8	.....
Tulare Baptist Association.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Unassociated Churches.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
Trustees of California College.....	Hon. H. E. McCune..... Dixon.	Rev. J. H. Garnett..... Dixon.	J. C. Merryfield.....	....	.....

MISSIONARIES IN CALIFORNIA.

Under the auspices of A. B. H. M. Soc. and Gen'l Bapt. Con. of Cal.
Rev. J. C. Baker, Salem, Oregon, Superintendent.

Associational Missionaries:

Rev. W. H. Latourette, Los Angeles, Rev. J. E. Barnes, Woodland.

Missionary Pastors:

Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Los Angeles,
Rev. J. Fulton, San Bernardino,
Rev. J. S. Jesse, Wheatland,
Rev. J. A. Huff, Compton,
Rev. M. D. Gage, Modesto,
Rev. T. T. Potter, Fresno.
Rev. B. F. Rattray, Alameda,
Rev. T. J. Weil, Santa Cruz,
Rev. J. E. Cohenour, Woodland,
Rev. J. N. Borroughs, Chico,
Rev. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff.

To Chinese: Mrs. J. R. Bradway, Oakland.

Under the auspices of H. M. B. So. Bapt. Con.

To Chinese:

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D.D., San Francisco.
Mrs. J. L. Sanford, San Francisco.

LIST OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE STATE AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION:

Alameda	28	San Francisco First	380
Brooklyn	156	San Francisco Fifth	102
Ceres	23	Santa Clara	77
Gilroy	*7	Stockton First	258
Modesto	45	Stockton Second	*18
Oakland First	317	Virginia City, Nev.	*38
Oakland Trinity	*70	Sonora	62
Penryn	22	Wheatland	43
Sacramento Calvary	257		
Sacramento First	227	Total	2147
San Francisco Chinese	17		

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION:

Caspar	18	Redwood	23
Kibbesillah	47	Ukiah	75
Little Lake	23		
Lakeport	65	Total	*71

EASTERN ASSOCIATION:

Surprise Valley	11	Lake View	6
Goose Lake (Willow Ranch)	38		
Dorrisville	19	Total	104
Goose Lake (Lake View)	30		

* From former Report

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION:

Azusa	50	Riverside	109
Downey	121	Santa Ana	69
Duarte	11	San Bernardino	65
El Monte	74	San Diego	67
Fountain Valley	43	Spadra	34
Hopewell	40	Vernon	17
Los Angeles	118		
Rincon	8	Total	826

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION:

Dixon	124	Yountville	64
Healdsburg	81	Hopewell	60
Petaluma	74	Cornell (Vallejo)	54
Santa Rosa	120		
Napa City	59	Total	584
Vacaville	48		

SACRAMENTO RIVER ASSOCIATION:

Arbuckle	14	Mt. Zion	3
Biggs Station	30	Newville	33
Bethel	14	North Marysville	15
Butte Mountain	19	Pine Creek	13
Chico	44	Red Bluff	43
Eagle Creek	44	Stony Creek	36
Grand Island	28	Willows	30
Meridian	32	New Salem	30
Maxwell	26		
Mt. Lassen	12	Total	466

SANTA BARBARA ASSOCIATION:

Carpenteria	13	Pleasant Valley	10
Estralla	10	Santa Barbara	58
Good Hope	10	Santa Paula	38
Lompoc	10		
Oakdale	10	Total	159

TULARE ASSOCIATION:

Lebanon	*33	Fresno	39
Lemoore	*12		
Mussel Slough	*11	Total	102
Bethany	*7		

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES:

Bishop Creek	14	Santa Cruz	68
Metropolitan Temple	400	Visalia	57
Mt. Olivet	31	Zion	49
Nevada City	59	Woodland	90
Pine Grove	36	Ione Valley	*10
Redwood City	*23	Tule River	*24
Reno, Nev	67	Artesia	9
St. Helena	26	Banning	5
Salinas City	46		
San Jose	270	Total	1084

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, 5723.

* From former Report.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	A. B. P. S.	Education.	Other Benevolences.
Alameda	$6 50	$4 00	.....	....	.....
Brooklyn	55 00	114 00	$11 00	....	$150 00
Ceres	.....	23 30	15 80	....	.....
Modesto	.....	10 85	5 00	....	.....
Oakland First	68 53	85 37	118 70	....	105 00
Oakland Trinity	10 00	7 50	3 00	....	.....
Penryn	5 00	5 30	.....	....	.....
Sacramento Calvary	35 00	50 00	40 00	$31 00	200 00
Sacramento First	30 35	70 00	50 00	....	50 00
San Francisco Chinese	17 25	23 25	.....	....	53 20
San Francisco First	41 05	52 50	.....	....	.....
San Francisco Fifth	10 00	10 00	28 00	....	25 00
Santa Clara	12 50	18 50	7 50	.	.....
Stockton First	30 00	101 50	50 00	....	.....
Sonora	.....	25 00	.....	....	.....
Wheatland	.....	63 20	.....	....	.....
Caspar	.....	20 60	.....	....	.....
Little Lake	.....	13 00	.....	....	.....
Ukiah	.....	75 00	.....	....	.....
Azusa	.....	10 00	.....	....	.....
Downey	.....	50 00	7 00	....	.....
Duarte	.....	15 00	.....	....	.....
El Monte	.....	10 00	3 00	....	.....
Hopewell	.....	26 05	.....	....	.....
Los Angeles	40 00	85 50	26 00	....	.....
Riverside	16 40	16 00	10 00	....	.....
Santa Ana	17 00	37 45	10 20	....	12 50
San Bernardino	16 20	25 00	15 00	....	.....
San Diego	10 25	5 25	3 00	....	.....
Spadra	.....	45 00	.....	....	.....
Vacaville	.....	9 00	.....	....	.....
St. Helena	.....	6 20	.....	....	.....
Salinas City	8 00	16 50	8 00	....	75 00
San Jose	25 00	.....	....	....	.....
Yountville	.....	.....	3 50	....	.....
Cornell (Vallejo)	.....	19 50	.....	....	.....
Biggs Station	.....	13 45	.....	....	.....
Chico	.....	6 65	.....	....	.....
Red Bluff	.....	4 40	.....	....	.....
Carpenteria	6 00	9 85	.....	....	.....
Santa Barbara	16 80	6 10	.....	....	.....
Santa Paula	15 50	5 65	.. ...	....	.....
Fresno	.....	21 70	8 00	...	.....
Bishop Creek	8 00	.....	.....	....	.....
Pine Grove	.....	1 60	.....	....	.....
Santa Cruz	1 40	2 85	1 00	....	.....
Zion	2 60	5 00	.....	....	.....
Woodland	.....	14 30	.. ..	....	.....
Other Sources	175 40	51 50	101 25	....	.....
TOTALS	$679 73	$1,285 77	$525 05	$31 00	$670 70

SUMMARY.

Number of Churches	102	SUNDAY SCHOOLS (reported)	40
Number of Ordained Ministers	123	Officers and Teachers	395
Ministers in Denominational Work	51	Scholars	3465
Pastors	39	Average Attendance	2816
Baptisms during the year (reported)	278	Volumes in Libraries	4940
Meeting Houses dedicated free from debt	2	Value of Libraries	$2,342 00
Churches organized	5	Annual Expense of Schools	1,581 00
Value of Church Property	$212,414 00	Using Denominational Literature	31
Church debts	37,630 00	Benevolences	$357 00
Annual Church expenses	33,187 00		
Seating capacity	10,300		

J. Q. A. HENRY, Statistical Secy.